

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 5 (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A dishwashing machine, comprising:

a door pivotable around the horizontal axis thereof;

a switch arranged on the door, the switch being operable to generate an electric signal when a predetermined pivoting angle of the door is reached as the door is being opened; and

a light source that illuminates the interior of the dishwashing machine, the light source being disposed in the interior of the dishwashing machine and being operably connected to the switch such that the light source is activated into an illuminated condition in response to the receipt of the electrical signal from the switch.

7. (Previously Presented) The dishwashing machine according to claim 6, wherein the light source is arranged in the interior of the dishwashing machine when the door is opened.

8. (Previously Presented) The dishwashing machine according to claim 6, wherein the switch is arranged inside the door.

9. (Previously Presented) The dishwashing machine according to claim 6, wherein the switch is operable to generate the electric signal so as to cause the light source to illuminate the inner wall of the opened door, and, in particular, to illuminate a crockery basket arranged on the door.

10. (Currently Amended) The dishwashing machine according to claim 6, and further comprising an acoustic signal transmitter operably ~~conducted~~ connected to the switch such that the electric signal triggers an acoustic signal.

11. (Previously Presented) The dishwashing machine according to claim 10, wherein the acoustic signal transmitter is operable to sound an acoustic signal as a reminder that the door is open, after the door has remained open for a predetermined time such as, for example, a time of thirty (30) minutes.

12. (New) A dishwashing machine, comprising:
a door pivotable around the horizontal axis thereof to provide horizontal access to the interior of the dishwashing machine;

a switch arranged on the door, the switch being operable to generate an electric signal when a predetermined pivoting angle of the door is reached as the door is being opened; and

a light source that illuminates the interior of the dishwashing machine, the light source being disposed in the interior of the dishwashing machine and being operably connected to the switch such that the light source is activated into an illuminated condition in response to the receipt of the electrical signal from the switch.

13. (New) The dishwashing machine of claim 12, wherein the predetermined pivoting angle is at minimum 30 degrees from the plane of the door when the door is in the closed position.

14. (New) The dishwashing machine of claim 12, wherein the door supports contents of the dishwashing machine when the door is in an open position.